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The Rural Electrification Administration today made its first allotment of funds to a project complying with the new pre-allotment requirements. The allotment is \$100,000, to be used by the South Central Rural Electric Cooperative of Lancaster, Ohio, to construct an 85-mile addition to its present REA-financed system.

Under the old plan, many important but routine and unspectacular steps which have to be taken before actual construction can begin, were not started in many cases until after the project had been approved and money for it earmarked, although not obligated by contract. Under the new plan, these steps must be taken or preparations and commitments made for them before funds will be allotted, thus clearing the way for construction to start much sooner. Among the pre-allotment requirements are the following:

1. Detailed, true-scale project map showing the location of every prospective user along the proposed lines, whether signed or not.
2. Signed easements for the line from property owners.
3. Paid-up membership applications from the signed customers, to defray necessary organization expenses, such as indicated in item 4.
4. Formal incorporation of a qualified organization to operate the project, with geographic representation of all parts of the project area on the board of directors, and tentative selection of legal and engineering counsel and project superintendent.
5. Enough tentative preliminary negotiations for wholesale power to assure a supply of energy at a satisfactory rate.

The original project constructed by the South Central Rural Electric Cooperative consists of 96 miles of line designed to serve some 400 customers eventually. REA has lent \$105,000 to finance the construction, which is reported to be complete with final inspection today. The Superintendent, Darwin Kindler, reported that more than three customers per mile have already wired for service along the new lines.

Particulars of today's allotments follow:

GEORGIA 65 IRWIN
Irwin County Rural Electric
Association,
Ocilla, Georgia
(W. A. Tankersley, Jr.,
Superintendent)

Additional allotment of \$7,000 to complete the project. This makes a total of \$112,000 allotted to build 155 miles of line to serve 650 customers in Berrien, Coffee, Ben Hill, Irwin and Tift Counties.

ILLINOIS 186 PIKE

Illinois Rural Electric Co.,
Winchester, Illinois
(H. H. Adams, Superintendent)

Additional allotment of \$67,000. Of this amount, \$55,000 will be used for increased costs in construction, installation, etc. on the generating plant and \$12,000 will be used for miscellaneous contingencies which may arise in the cost of final completion of the plant building, etc. This makes a total of \$961,000 allotted to this project to date.

INDIANA 6 BOONE

Boone County Rural Electric
Membership Corporation,
Lebanon, Indiana
(Nelson Wandernach,
Superintendent)

Additional allotment of \$25,000 to complete the project. This makes a total of \$592,926 allotted to build 587 miles of line to serve about 2,200 customers in Boone County.

MINNESOTA 1 KANABEC

P.I.C.K. Cooperative
Electric Association,
Braham, Minnesota
(Beauford Johnson,
Superintendent)

Additional allotment of \$4,000 to complete the project. This makes a total of \$85,000 allotted to date to build 80 miles of line to serve about 250 customers in Kanabec, Pine, Isanti and Chisago Counties. The project also has been allotted \$5,000 to finance wiring and plumbing installations.

MISSISSIPPI 29 OKTIBBEHA

Four County Electric Power
Association,
Columbus, Mississippi
(W. G. Evans, President)

Allotment of \$326,000 to build 312 miles of line to serve about 850 customers in Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee and Oktibbeha Counties. The Works Progress Administration has allotted \$60,000 for this project, in addition to the REA allotment. The source of power will be the TVA; the usual TVA rates will apply.

OHIO 65 FAIRFIELD

South Central Rural Electric
Cooperative, Inc.,
(Darwin Kindler, Superintendent,
317 North Broad Street,
Lancaster, Ohio)

Additional allotment of \$100,000 to build 85 miles of line to serve about 300 customers in the eastern half of Fairfield County. This makes a total of \$205,000 allotted to the project. The source of power is the Ohio Midland Light and Power Company.

TENNESSEE 21 FRANKLIN

Duck River Electric Membership
Corporation,
(E. C. McLean, President,
Shelbyville, Tennessee)

Additional allotment of \$36,400 to complete the existing project and to build additional 18 miles of line to serve about 68 customers in Maury and Franklin Counties. The source of power will be the TVA at TVA rates. This project has been allotted previously \$379,500 to build 327 miles of line to serve 1,627 customers in Franklin, Moore, Marshall, Bedford, Lincoln, Coffee, Maury, Giles and Hickman Counties.

WISCONSIN 14 OCONTO

Oconto Electric Cooperative,
Oconto Falls, Wisconsin
(Earl G. Redman, Superintendent)

Additional allotment of \$17,000 to furnish electric service to approximately 95 customers now located along the existing lines. This project has been allotted previously \$290,000 to build 305 miles of line to serve about 1,000 customers in Oconto and Marinette Counties.

(FOR WIRING)

GEORGIA 31 UPSON

Upton County Electric
Membership Corporation,
Thomaston, Georgia
(T. S. Jackson, Superintendent)

Allotment of \$10,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations for about 150 customers. This project has been allotted \$67,000 for the construction of 67 miles of distribution lines, to date.

GEORGIA 69 WASHINGTON

Washington County Electric
Membership Corporation,
Sandersville, Georgia

Allotment of \$20,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations for approximately 75 customers. This project previously has been allotted \$76,000 to build 78 miles of distribution lines to serve about 290 customers.

GEORGIA 74 JEFFERSON

Jefferson County Electric
Membership Corp.,
Louisville, Georgia
(James B. Polhill, Jr.,
Superintendent)

Allotment of \$10,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations for about 200 customers. To the present date this project has been allotted \$75,000 to build 75 miles of distribution lines to serve about 225 customers.

MISSISSIPPI 28 HANCOCK

Hancock Electric Power
Association,
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
(Carl R. Vickers, Superintendent)

Allotment of \$4,500 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations for about 35 customers. This project has received allotments totalling \$113,000 for the construction of 120 miles of distribution lines to serve about 713 customers in Pearl River and Hancock Counties.

